Minutes of the Mt. Vernon – Black Township Park and Recreation Board Meeting, August 19th, 2009

The Mt. Vernon – Black Township Parks and Recreation Department Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 19th, 2009, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizen Center at 6:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were: Park Board President Ron Bennett, Members – Linc Baro, Kelly Cox, Don Oeth and Synda Waters. Parks Director – John Tate and Park Board Secretary- Debra Scott.

The motion to authorize payment of claims was made by Linc Baro and seconded by Synda Waters.

Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the minutes as written or corrected from the July 15th, 2009, meeting was made by Synda Waters and seconded by Don Oeth. Motion Carried.

The motion to approve the balance of accounts to be entered into the minutes subject to audit for August 19th, 2009, was made by Kelly Cox and seconded by Linc Baro. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Softball Tournaments – Outside Organizations – Mr. Tate stated outside organizations held 2 softball tournaments this summer and the department has been approached by a couple other interested groups. One of the allowed tournaments was the Fire Dept. raising money for muscular dystrophy. Mr. Tate stated the individuals that contacted him last want to have the softball tournaments to raise money for their own families to be able to participate in youth sports. Mr. Linc Baro stated this situation has come up before and he still feels the same way. The individual or organization wanting to have a softball tournament must be not-for-profit or non-profit and show a certificate of their status. Mrs. Synda Waters said the organization having the tournament needs to write a letter to the Park & Recreation Dept. stating they are a not-for-profit or a non profit organization. Mr. Ron Bennett stated that Mr. Tate should check with

Evansville's Park & Recreation Dept. sand see what their policy is. Mr. Bennett said for now only not-for-profit or non-profit organizations can use the softball field, and that Mr. Tate should contact the City Attorney, Beth McFaddeb-Higgins to discuss the issue. Mr. Tate said he is also working on a new agreement form to use next year for us of the softball field.

2. 5th Grade Girls Basketball League – Coach Steve Mitchell and Mr. Keith Oeth approached Mr. Tate about taking over the 5th grade girl's basketball league. Mr. Tate stated his only concern is bring on another program, when we currently are struggling to pay current invoices. If and when the property taxes are straightened out there will be no problem taking on additional programs. Mr. Tate stated he would like the Board to decide if we are interested or not. After discussing the issue, Mr. Ron Bennett said the department may be interested in helping. Mr. Linc Baro stated for Mr. Tate to pursue the issue and get more information. The subject was tabled at this time.

At this time Mr. Kelly Cox stated he has conflicts in his schedule with meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month for the Park and Recreation Board Meetings.

The Board decided to temporarily change the meeting time to the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Motion was made to adjourn by Kelly Cox and seconded by Don Oeth.

Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned

John Tate, Superintendent Ron Bennett, Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday,

September 17th, 2009, at the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Center.